

I claim:

1. A method of making a chew toy comprising the steps of:

5 treating a hide; said treating further including the
 steps of defatting, depilating, splitting, rinsing and
 sun-drying;
 expanding the hide;
 piece cutting and moisturizing the hide;
 preparing an inner filling;
10 extruding the inner filling;
 combining the hide and the inner filling;
 shaping the combined hide and inner filling;
 drying the pressed and combined hide and inner filing.

15 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of
 overcoating the dried, pressed and combined hide and inner
 filling.

20 3. The method of claim 2 wherein the step of overcoating is
 smoking.

 4. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of overcoating is
 dipping and drying.

25 5. The method of claim 3 wherein the step of overcoating is
 a savory smoked bacon flavor coating comprising:
 beef, 49-51% by weight powdered dehydrated;
 natural molasses, 17-19% by weight powdered dehydrated;
 liquid smoke, 11-13% by weight powdered dehydrated;
30 soy protein, 6-8% by weight powdered dehydrated;

wheat gluten, 5-6% by weight powdered dehydrated;
propylene glycol, 5-6% by weight powdered dehydrated;
beef marrow, less than 1% by weight powdered dehydrated;
and brewers yeast, less than 1% by weight powdered
5 dehydrated.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is
comprised of:

beef, 28-30% by weight;
10 wheat flour, 15-17% by weight; and
soy flour, 13-15% by weight.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is
comprised of:

15 wheat gluten, 28-30% by weight;
glycerine, 12-14% by weight;
rice flour, 12-14% by weight;
sweet rice flour, 11-13% by weight;
chicken meal, 8-10% by weight;
20 fennel seed powder, less than 1% by weight;
dill seed powder, less than 1% by weight;
sodium tripolyphosphate, less than 1% by weight;
chlorophyll, less than 1% by weight;
peppermint oil, less than 1% by weight; and
25 parsley herb oil, less than 1% by weight.

8. The method of claim 1 wherein the inner filling is
comprised of:

wheat gluten, 44-46% by weight;
30 glycerine, 22-24% by weight;

powdered dehydrated vegetables, approximately 19-21% by weight;

deionized water, 4-6% by weight;

gelatin, 3-5% by weight;

5 lecithin, less than 1% by weight;

sodium diacetate, less than 1% by weight;

fennel seed powder, less than 1% by weight;

dill seed powder, less than 1% by weight; and

sodium tripolyphosphate, less than 1% by weight.

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9. The method of claim 8 wherein the powdered dehydrated vegetables comprise one or more vegetables selected from a group consisting of: carrots, potatoes, celery, beets, parsley, watercress, and spinach;

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10. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes pressing.

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11. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes twisting.

12. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of shaping, includes knotting.

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